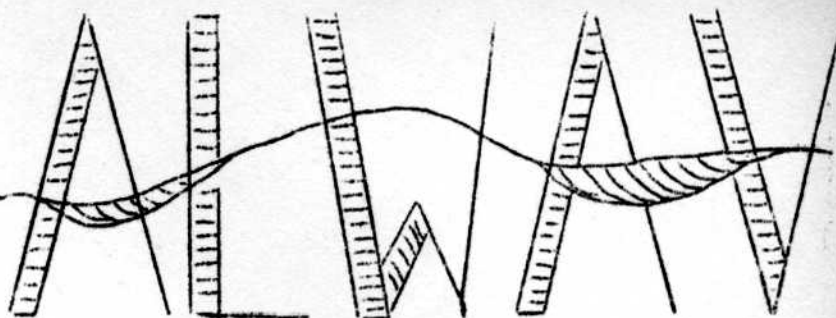


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Lt. Comdr. McAfee Visits Station

WAVES DRILL

Lt. Commander Milred McAfee will address WAVES Drill on Friday, May 28, at 1630 in Building #3.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADES

Great Lakes WAVES will participate in several Memorial Day Parades Sunday.

A large number of officers and WAVES are expected to take part in Chicago's gigantic parade down Michigan Avenue Sunday from 1400 to 1515. The G L marching unit will start from Chicago Avenue and La Salle Street.

Eight enlisted girls will participate in the Milwaukee parade Sunday. They are Mary Bandy, Mary Donahue, Marian Kinenkavich, Mildred Smith, all Y3c; LeVina Powell Y2c; Anne Stifter, Jane Mulligan and Shirley Staricka, SK3c.

It is expected also that several WAVES will be among those in the Memorial Day parade at Evanston.

ADMIRAL LEAHY ABOARD

Admiral William D. Leahy is aboard U.S.N.T.S., Great Lakes, today. A Regimental Review and a special Happy Hour are scheduled in his honor.

He is a guest of Admiral and Mrs. John Downes.

BUY WAR BONDS

AT LEAST 10 PER CENT

Lt. Comdr. Mildred McAfee, Director of the Women's Reserve, arrived today for a two-days' visit in the Chicago area. She is spending today in Chicago and will be at Great Lakes tomorrow.

Four GL WAVE Officers were among those on hand to meet Miss McAfee on her arrival at the Union Station at 0820 today, and to breakfast with her at Marshall Fields. They were Lt (jg) N. V. Forsman and Ensigns Marion Knight, Lucille Clark, and Mary McLendon.

After the breakfast, Miss McAfee visited O.N.O.P. in the Board of Trade Building and at noon lunched with Captain E. S. Root, U.S.N. (Ret.), head of that office.

Her busy afternoon was highlighted by visits to Navy Pier and a tea at the Cordon Club, attended by Chicago WAVE and SPAR officers and prospective recruits.

Tonight Radio Station WBBM will hold a WAVES rally at 2030, with Lt. Comdr. McAfee on the air at 2100. A large number of GL WAVES will attend.

Friday morning, the Director of the WAVES will be driven to Great Lakes Naval Training Station where her first official act will be a tour of the station. Another feature of her visit will be a luncheon given in her honor by Mrs. John Downes.

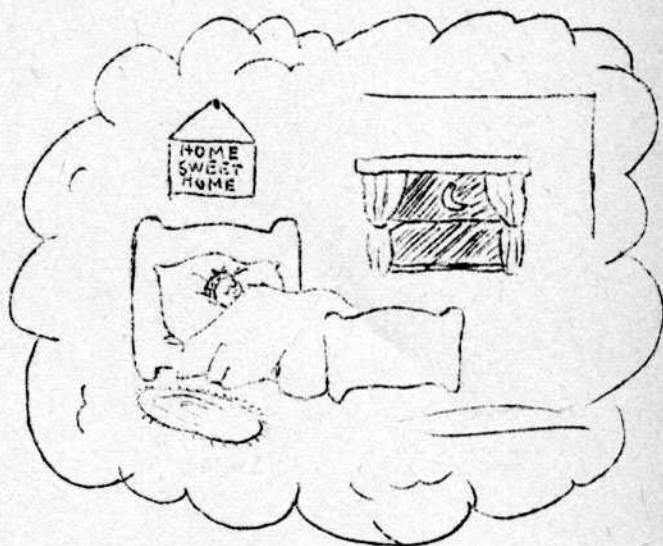
Following the luncheon, Miss McAfee will inspect the WAVES Barracks at the Hospital and on the Main side. She will address all enlisted and officer WAVES at 1630. A cocktail party will be given in her honor by WAVES officers as the final event on the day's calendar. Ranking officers will also be guests on this occasion. Miss McAfee and Lt (jg) N. V. Forsman will leave for the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, on Saturday, May 29.

BARRACKS "B" — — Now WAVES HEADQUARTERS

Barracks B is off to a good start as official WAVES Quarters with 90 aboard and 36 Baum House Residents coming aboard May 31. Two M.A.A.'s, Julia WYSKIEL, Y3c, and Mildred DRYDAHL, Y3c, are keeping things running smoothly until the arrival of Specialists, 3c. Two of this rating, Lena Mae JONES and Mary V. HOLLENBECK, will arrive May 28 as will two S2c, Joyce Ann McMILLAN and Mary Ann LILJENSTROM.

A typical day at Barracks "B" under the able direction of Ensign R. Cruise begins with "Hitting the deck" at 0600 and ends with "Lights out" at 2200 on week-days and 2400 on Saturdays. The girls mess at Bldg. 5 and are well taken care of in the food line.

The first inspection by Captain R. M. Emmett and Captain E. A. Lofquist at 1000, May 22, was preceded by a personal inspection at 0730 by the Officer in Charge and Officer of the Watch. The inspection was not strictly "regulation" for the recreation rooms were colorfully adorned by lovely flowers - the gift of Ship's Company Barracks "C" and "D"... A welcome and an incentive to the happy recipients.

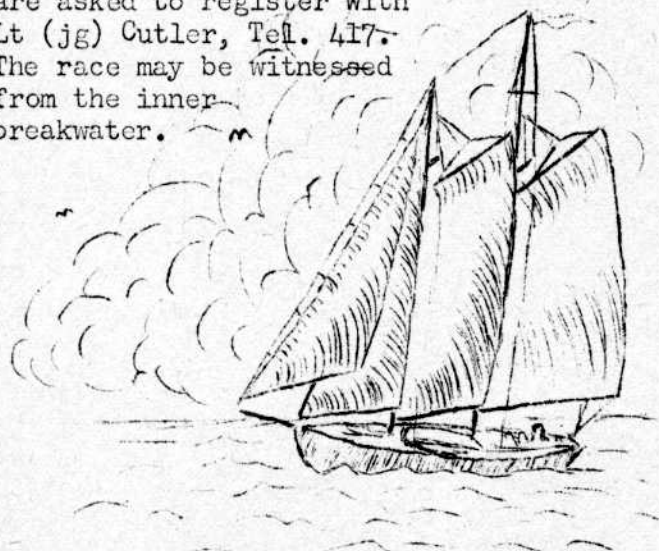


Visiting hours at Barracks B are from 1800 to 2130 and scuttlebutt has it that they are not wasted hours. The girl's social life is also aided by 3 telephones on the second deck recreation room and one on the first deck.

A WAVES dispensary and sick bay for all officers and enlisted personnel has been set up by Ph. M3c KESTER, and HA2c RILEY, SANBORN, and SMITH, under the supervision of Dr. G. M. Bell. Daily sick call will be at 0800, 1300, and 1900.

SAILBOATING

The second sailboat race of the season is scheduled for Saturday at 1645. All qualified skippers and persons desiring to be crew members are asked to register with Lt (jg) Cutler, Tel. 417. The race may be witnessed from the inner breakwater.



MR. and MRS. DUNSTON MARRIED AT DUNSTON CHAPEL

Marriage vows were exchanged by Doris Groves SK3c and Thomas Dunston at the Dunston Chapel in Christ church at Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, May 8. The ceremony was read by the same minister who performed the marriage service for the bridegroom's father and mother 37 years ago.

The white uniform of the Women's Reserve was worn by the bride. Her only attendant was her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunston went to Lake St. Clair for their wedding trip.

Among pre-nuptial parties, at which Mrs. Dunston was honored in Detroit, were three showers and a tea.

BAUM BARRACKS BY-LINES

By Irene Chicoine, Y2c

I know some people doubt that houses really are alive,
That 'neath their structure, wood or stone, there is a heart inside.
But now I hope that all these skeptic's doubts will be dispelled,
For this is Baum House speaking, and I have a tale to tell.

I was just a family house till one day late last Fall,
When in blew twenty girls in blue, here at the Navy's call.
At first all was excitement, but things soon grew serene,
When each girl chose her room and bunk and settled on the scene.

Their language had me guessing and kept me in a fog,
The food was chow, the floor a deck, and something was "the log".
This latter wasn't part of me - I still cannot explain,
How anything not made of wood could be so strangely named.

Of course, there were some problems with which they had to cope,
Like cooks and schedules, meals and such in the domestic scope.
However, the Verbeckes and Mae soon ended this,
With such a sure-fire trio, how could the galley miss?

December came and with it, the Madison quintet,
They kept things lively for a while - their memory lingers yet,
For as a parting gift to those remaining, this contingent,
Left behind - unknowingly - some rules a bit more stringent.

Christmas found me dressed in the traditional decorations,
A tree and light - a firelight glow - and spirit wasn't rationed,
The atmosphere was perfect for the party that was held,
And if there was some homesickness, 'twas difficult to tell.

The Ides of March brought storekeepers (that word just can't be rhymed!)
Recruiting drives kept everyone quite busy for a time,
Then colds and old cat fever took each girl in her turn,
Some were so ill that they "enjoyed" a hospital sojourn.

April was a social month - festivity was high,
First Easter, then a shower for Doris Groves, our bride,
The latter was topped off with a mock wedding most complete,
Best honors went to Emma Link, a preacher hard to beat.

Well, it is May, and I am in a sad and sorry state,
The WAVES are leaving me this week, and barracks take my place.
They had a lovely party to officially cool my brow,
But nothing soothes my feelings - for I'm discarded now.

I'll miss my Navy family - 'twas fun to have them here,
The morning rush, the daytime lull, the nightly dinner cheer,
I wish each one the best of luck and all in life that's fine,
And in return ask one small thing - may they miss me sometime!



ARMY-NAVY "CEREMONY"

Socially speaking, it's now Mrs. Dwight KAMBACH, though the Navy Department still lists her as Ensign Miriam FULLBRIGHT.

First Great Lakes WAVE officer to say "I do," Ensign FULLBRIGHT was married to Lieutenant Dwight KAMBACH U. S. Army, May 13, at Milledgeville, Georgia, where she formerly was a member of the staff of the Georgia State College.

The bride wore white--the summer dress uniform of the Women's Reserve. And though one marriage tradition--the bride's bouquet--was missing in accordance with Navy uniform regulations, she did have "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue."

While planned as a small wedding, the event took on a gigantic and WAVE-Y aspect with Milledgeville WAVES on hand outside the church to watch the couple leave the church.

GOAL: Y2/c

Striving for their second class yeomen ratings, a group of WAVE yeomen are studying under Chief Roger PAYNE of District Security. The class meets Monday evenings from 1800 to 1900.

RECOMMENDED

The Auditorium Officers Club in Chicago....for its lounge, its food, its dances, its orchestra, and its 3 p.m. Sunday stage show.

GADDING-ABOUT

Ensign Margaret Edwards, Chicago, brings news from various points on her recent travels:

Two marriages at Norman, Oklahoma--
WAVE Barracks officer Mickey Adams (Northampton graduate of December 16) to Lt. (jg) Fitting. Alice Sterling (Mount Holyoke, December 16) to Lieut. Jerry Spann.

SPEAKS AT "ALMA MATER"

Ensign Adeline Jay GEO-KARIS addressed students of the Austin High School in Chicago Wednesday, at the invitation of the school of which she is an alumna.

She spoke on "Life in the WAVES."

SONGSTERS

The newly organized WAVES quartette will make its first public appearance next week when it goes to Milwaukee to participate in the gigantic rally there Monday and Tuesday.

Members of the quartette, which is under the supervision of Lt. Comdr. PEABODY are: Kay SCHULTZ, Evelyn DANNENBERG, Evelyn BEEKMAN, and Evelyn WICK (no typographical error...there actually are three Evelyns). All are Y3/c.

WAVES BUY AND SELL BONDS

Not only are WAVE officers signed up 100 per cent on the Navy Bond Allotment Plan, but they are active in the intensive War Bond drive being conducted on the Station.

In District Security, Ensign Lola C. REID did a top-notch job as Group Chairman and signed up the department 100 per cent (per cent of payroll was 13.9). She took over Minute Men duties as well as organizing the department campaign.

A fine record was also made by the District Communication Office, where Ensign Irene LYONS was group chairman.

Lt. (jg) Ellen Littlejohn visited her home in Chicago recently on emergency leave from duty at NAS Jacksonville because of the illness of her father. WAVE officers in Chicago who caught a glimpse of her, are all very envious of her Florida tan. She brought news of Lts. (jg) Price, Horn and Stallings and Ensign Elizabeth Allen, all of whom are at Jacksonville.

V-12 PROGRAM

The Navy College Training Program (V-12) has been completely organized and students assigned to the Program will report to the Colleges on or about July 1. All of the Colleges, with perhaps one or two additions, have been selected and quotas assigned in the various curricula. The V-12 students will consist of those already in colleges as well as recent high school graduates and those who have been selected for the enlisted personnel quota assigned to the district by the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

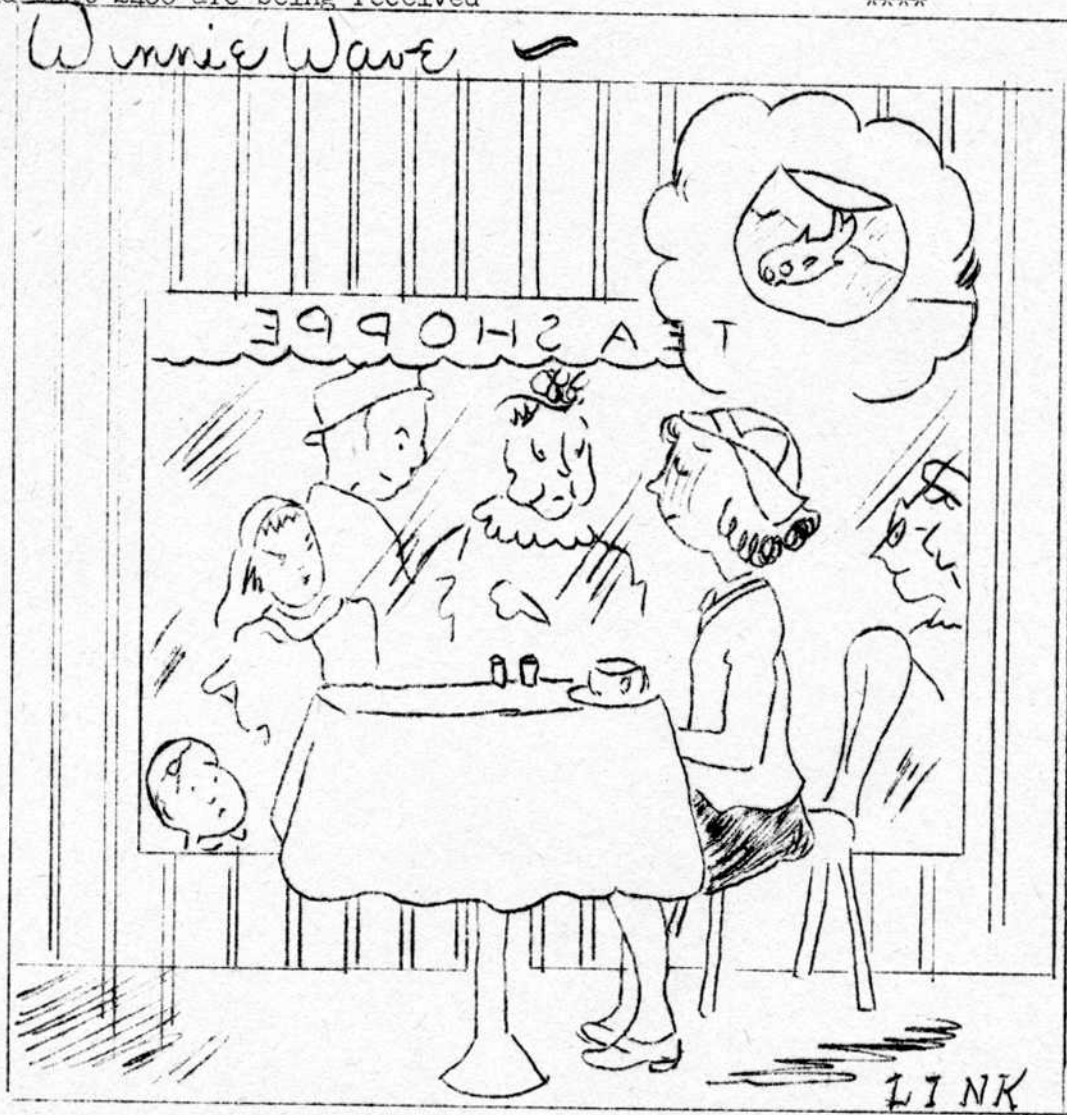
Commanding Officers have received instruction at Columbia University and are ready to assume their responsibilities. Ship's Company personnel have been assigned by the Bureau. Fifty (50) Yeomen and Storekeepers so assigned to V-12 arrived at this station May 25 and are being given instruction in the handling of their duties.

It is the consensus of opinion, as reflected in the public press and as expressed by educators and other civilian authorities, that the Navy has done an exceptional job in setting up this program so as to render the greatest possible service to the Navy, with consideration for the problems of the colleges and of the V-12 students themselves.

BOOT TRAINING

It is reported that there are 4800 WAVES, Marines and Spars at Hunter College, and that 2400 are being received

every two weeks for the four-weeks course. Lt. Shooey, who was WR head of the school, was recently ordered to Washington.



WELCOME

New arrivals in the District were welcomed aboard by the Senior WAVES Officer, Lt. (jg) N. V. Forsman, who spoke briefly Monday, May 24.



We're sorry we missed the look on the Army General's face when an airplane stewardess effected a switch in hats and erroneously handed him a WAVES chapeau.

Said hat belongs to Ensign Irene Lyons who hopped a plane East to say "hello" to Broadway--and her family ---a couple of weekends ago.

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Spring in Washington was enjoyed by Ensign Frances Chilson, who spent a 10-day leave there.

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New Titles: "Auntie" (Ensign) Betty Clements. It's a nephew.... 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

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(Unpaid Want-Ad Department)

Would like to swap name-tagless navy blue blouse of exclusive Mainbocher design (Size 12)

for

Navy blue blouse of exclusive Mainbocher design, individualized by white and blue name-tag imprinted, "Maxine Kennedy."

To effect swap telephone 332 or Highland Park 3600.

Explanation: Laundry mix-up.

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"IN PICTURES"

A picture of Etheldrea Whelan SK3c will soon grace the cover of "Household" magazine, she having been the photographic model for the publication's cameraman.

Cover Girl

Shock of her life did Ensign Marjorie J. Gillette receive Monday when the mailman delivered The Akron Alumnus, for there on the 9 x 12 cover of the Commencement issue was a 7 x 11 picture of Marjorie Gillette in WAVES uniform.

Inside the magazine, publication of the University of Akron Alumni Association was a one-column cut (anticipated size) with caption: "Cover: Ensign Marjorie J. Gillette '37 of the WAVES."

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Have you heard about Lt. (jg) Irene Harris' new custom-made uniform? Well, she got it...but it's got her. It arrived the other day, all brand-new, with (jg) stripes, enlisted buttons and Coast Guard insignias galore. Now, what do you suppose that makes her? She'd like to know too.

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The furnishings in the WAVES and SPARS room in Muncie, Indiana, must be something...particularly we'd like a squint at the unique table which has a large anchor at its base.

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"Companion piece" to the newly acquired Baum House piano is a ping pong table.

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WAVEMANSHIP
alias
GROTESQUE CHATTER

Bulkheads: Football teams in a huddle.

Companionway: Chummy manner.

Swivel: Sounds like a new mixed drink, after you've drunk it.



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CHICAGO WAVES

"AT HOME" MONDAYS

So successful was the first meeting of WAVE officers in the Chicago area, May 14, that the officers decided to designate Mondays as "WAVES Night" at the new Officers' Center in the Auditorium Hotel on Congress Avenue.

Monday was selected primarily because the bowling alleys are reserved for officers that evening—and Chicago WR officers are adept at chalking up good scores. Ping pong, pool, and delicious food served by the women in charge of the Center, are other attractions.

There are now 29 WAVE officers and 3 Coast Guard officers on duty in the Chicago area, and most of them attended the initial meeting, as well as the two subsequent Monday events.

There are 13 WAVE officers at Lakehurst, N. J., and 77 enlisted women in each of the parachute riggers and aerographers schools. Lt (jg) Gertrude Hitchcock is the senior officer.

DOWN CHICAGO-WAY



By The Chicago Editors

Ensign M. J. Royhl, for the past several months Communications Officer for INM, has been made public relations officer for the same activity. She will assist Lt. Comdr. C. H. Soderstrom in Navy "E" awards and other similar activities. Ensign Gertrude Smit succeeds Ensign Royhl as Communication Officer.

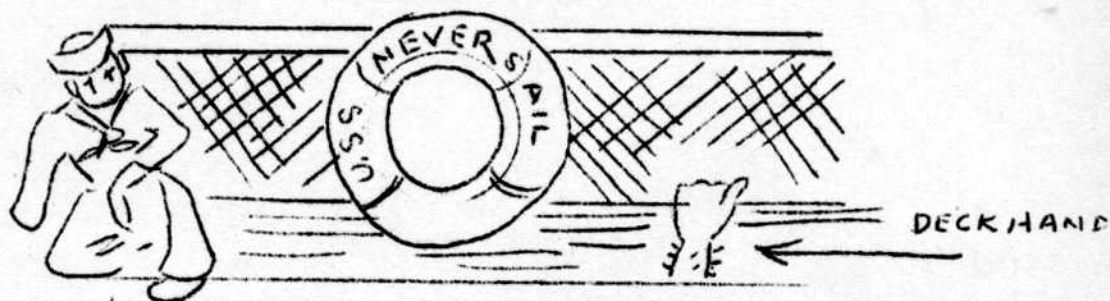
From Ensign Lura Hess comes word that the Wardroom, and the tennis and badminton courts of Abbott Hall are open to Chicago women officers after 1630 each day. When the Chicago weather catches up with the calendar, there ought to be plenty of action on the courts.

The 20 North Wacker Building, Army stronghold, saw an infiltration of Navy blue last Friday noon. The Navy contingent, men and women officers forty-strong, met at the Electric Club to honor Commander Thomas C. Cullen, USNR, who was recently promoted. In calling upon a WAVE "spokeswoman," Comdr. Hinton G. Clabaugh, USNR (ret.)—host and toastmaster—paid one of the nicest tributes to the Women's Reserve, members have heard so far. It made the WAVES feel "real Navee."

The enthusiasm of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Muncie (Indiana) in furthering WAVE and SPAR recruiting, is something to tell about, according to Lt (jg) Margaret Hartley of ONOP. The Club, which has volunteered its services for recruiting, have furnished a room in the Rose Court Building in true nautical fashion (the aid of a professional decorator was enlisted for this) and women are on duty there both day and evening.

SEEING THE NAVY THROUGH THE EYES OF A NEWLY
ENLISTED WAVE

By Dorothy Blaylock, Y3c



HASH MARKS



ANCHOR WATCH



BEFORE I JOINED THE NAVY I THOUGHT:

HASH MARKS WERE GERMAN MONEY.

THAT YOU COULD SMOKE A HAWSE PIPE.

THAT BARBETTE WAS THE NAME OF A GIRL.

THAT THE ANCHOR WATCH HAD JEWELS.

THAT THE QUARTERMASTER WOUND THE ANCHOR WATCH.

THAT THE RUNNING LIGHTS WERE NOT STATIONARY.

THAT THE DEAD LIGHTS WERE ONCE ALIVE.

THAT I COULD USE THE WINDWARD RAIL IF I WERE SEASICK.

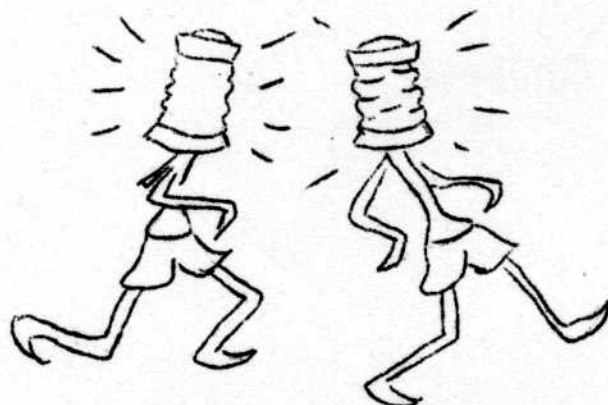
THAT THE JIMMIE LEGS WAS A DISEASE.

THAT THE CROW'S NEST WAS WHERE THEY KEPT THE RATES BEFORE THEY GAVE THEM TO ENLISTED MEN.

(AND I'M STILL TRYING TO FIND OUT THE TRUE STORY--NO CRACKS FROM OLD SALTS, PLEASE!)



JIMMIE LEGS



RUNNING LIGHTS